

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 18, wherein said e-mail messages include e-mail messages in plain text form.
3. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 28, further comprising an e-mail pager, producing said e-mail messages.
4. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 28, further comprising a cellular telephone, producing said e-mail messages.
5. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 28, wherein said ~~web server is a server that hosts auctions of items for sale and maintains auction bids for items for sale over the Internet~~ information translating part receives and translates a user ID and password as part of said email messages.
6. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 58, wherein said information translating part accepts e-mail messages which include instructions to change bids on items in auctions for which a user has been previously outbid.

7. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 58, wherein said information translating part also sends e-mail messages indicative of information about said auctions.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A system as in claim 5,~~ A system, comprising:
a web server, producing a web page which is available on the Internet; and
an information translating part associated with said web server which receives e-
mail messages and translates said e-mail messages into a form which can interact with
said web page being produced by said web server;
wherein said web server is a server that hosts auctions of items for sale and
maintains auction bids for items for sale over the Internet, and
wherein said information translating part also sends e-mail messages that include information about items in said auctions for sale over the Internet, on which items a user has been outbid.

9. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 78, wherein said information translating part produces and sends messages which include a session identification indicator that identifies said auction information.

10. (Original) A system as in claim 9, wherein said information translating part detects a reply to one of said plain text messages which reply including said session identification indicator, and takes action on a specified auction based on said session identification indicator.

11. (Currently amended) A system as in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 8, wherein said information translating part also sends e-mail messages indicative of actions occurring on said web page.

12. (Original) A system as in claim 11, wherein said e-mail messages include a session ID indicative of said actions.

13. (Original) A system as in claim 12, wherein said session ID is included as part of a return address in the e-mail message.

14. (Original) A system as in claim 13, wherein the session ID is used to interact with said actions on said Web page.

15. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 9~~10~~, wherein said action includes placing a new bid.

16. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 9~~8~~, wherein said information translating part detects a new bid amount as part of a sent message.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim ~~[17]~~22, further comprising sending a second e-mail that has instructions on a specific interaction with said web page.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1722, wherein said first e-mail includes information that requests specified information from said web page, and further comprising sending a response including said specified information.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as in claim 21,~~ A method,
comprising:
producing a web page on a server that is connected to the Internet; and
receiving a first e-mail message on the server, which e-mail has instructions to
interact with said web page;
wherein said web page is a web page for a server that hosts Internet based
auctions;
wherein said receiving comprises receiving an instruction to bid on an item on an
Internet based auction; and
wherein said item is an item on which a user has been previously outbid.

23. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1722, wherein said web page is an e-commerce site.

24. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim ~~18~~22, wherein said web page is a web page for a server that hosts Internet based auctions.

25. (Original) A method as in claim 24, wherein said e-mail message includes a session ID indicative of an individual auction on said web page.

26. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 19, wherein said e-mail message with information includes information about said auctions on which a user has been previously outbid.

27. (Original) A method as in claim 26, further comprising replying to said e-mail with instructions to increase a bid.

28. (Original) A method as in claim 18, wherein said e-mail message includes session ID information that represents said individual auction on which said user has been previously outbid.

29. (Original) A method as in claim 28, further comprising replying to said e-mail message with said session ID information, and modifying a bid on said web page responsive to said replying.

30. (Original) A method as in claim 29, wherein said session ID is part of a return address for said e-mail.

31. (Original) A method as in claim 29, wherein said replying includes specifying an amount of a bid to be placed.

32. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 17 ~~22~~, wherein said e-mail message includes a session ID indicative of an individual item on said web page.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as in claim 33;~~ A method, comprising:
producing a web page on a server that is connected to the Internet; and
receiving a first e-mail message on the server, which e-mail has instructions to
interact with said web page;
wherein said web page is a web page for a server that maintains banking
information; and
wherein said e-mail message includes instructions to request a bank balance.

35. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as in claim 17;~~ A method, comprising:
producing a web page on a server that is connected to the Internet; and
receiving a first e-mail message on the server, which e-mail has instructions to
interact with said web page; and
wherein said web page is a web page for a server that maintains stock portfolio information.

36. (Original) A method as in claim 35, wherein said e-mail message includes instructions to request information on stocks whose prices have changed by a specified amount.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
hosting a web page on a server connected to the Internet which displays information; and
sending an e-mail message that has user specified information instructing interacting with said web page on the Internet;
wherein said web page is one which maintains Internet based auctions, and said sending comprises sending an e-mail about said Internet based auctions on which the user has been previously outbid; and
sending a message to said server instructing said server to increase a bid on one of said auctions.

39. (Original) A method as in claim 38, wherein said sending comprises sending an e-mail with information that specifies changes on said Web page.

40. (Original) A method as in claim 39, further comprising replying to said e-mail with instructions to carry out some action relative to content on said web page.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Original) A method as in claim 38, wherein said e-mail message includes a session ID indicative of the information being sent.

45. (Original) A method as in claim 44, further comprising replying to said e-mail including said session ID to produce an instruction regarding said information.

46. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:
a Web server, producing web pages indicative of information about balances in a user's personal account that is stored and which can change based on user interaction;
a communications server, operating to receive e-mails with instructions to ~~change contents of said web server and to produce instructions to said web server~~ indicative of the change of contents retrieve information related to said balances.

47. (Original) A system as in claim 46, wherein said communications server also sends e-mails based on the content of said web server, said e-mails including session identification information.

48. (Original) A system as in claim 47, wherein said session identification uniquely identifies a specific operation to be carried out on said web server, and wherein said e-mails include instructions to change contents include said session identification therein.

49. (Cancelled)

50. (Cancelled)

51. (Original) A system as in claim 46, wherein said web server is a web server that maintains banking information, and said e-mail includes instructions to request a bank balance.

52. (Original) A system as in claim 46, wherein said web server is a web server that maintains stock portfolio information, and said e-mail includes instructions to request information on stocks which have changed.

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:
a web server, producing web pages indicative of information, and displaying said web pages over the Internet;
a communications server, communicating with said web server, and sending e-mails indicative of said information based on specified criteria, said e-mails including a

session identification information which represents uniquely a specific item on said web server, and receiving e-mails and determining said session identification information in said received e-mails and modifying said information on said web server based on said session identification information in the received e-mails; and

wherein said web server maintains banking information, and said session identification information represent individual transactions.

55. (Cancelled)

56. (Cancelled)

57. (Cancelled)

58. (Original) A system as in claim 54, wherein said web server maintains banking information, and said session identification information represent individual transactions.

59. (Original) A method, comprising:
maintaining a web site indicative of Internet auctions, in which internet auctions items for sale receive bids from users;

sending an e-mail to a specific user indicating that the specific user has been outbid on an item, said e-mail including identification information;

replying to said e-mail with a new bid amount and said identification information;
and

using information in the reply to said e-mail to change a bid amount on said web site for said Internet auctions on said item.

60. (Original) A method as in claim 59, wherein said identification information is included as part of a return address for an e-mail.

61. (Original) A method as in claim 59, wherein said identification information is included as part of text of said e-mail.

62. (Original) A method, comprising:
maintaining a web site of Internet auctions, which web site allows placing bids on individual items, said bids being placed via an HTML page;
sending an e-mail to user in non HTML format, indicating that the user has been outbid on one of said items being hosted on said web site;
receiving a reply to said e-mail, and checking said e-mail to determine said one of said items, and placing a new bid based on said e-mail.

63. (Original) A method as in claim 62, wherein said reply includes an amount of a new bid to be placed.

64. (Original) A method as in claim 62, wherein said e-mail which is sent includes identification information indicative of said one of said items, and said reply also includes said identification information, said checking comprising checking said identification information.